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1. Colonel Edwards brought in for a brief discussion. Generally, things seem to be going very well However, Colonel Edwards feels that Tom should have a deputy and perhaps one or two other additional positions provided for in the table of organization and, further, that he should be able to service the entire European area. Shef has a half-hour conference scheduled with to discuss this subject with him.

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Conferred with Acting Director of Training, and Colonel Acting Chief, Logistics Office, Requested that they take back their separate papers on this subject addressed to me, work together, and prepare a coordinated staff study to the Director from the Director of Training in which the Deputy Director (Administration) and the Deputy Director (Plans) would be expected to concur.

3. At the Deputies' Meeting, briefed Mr. Dulles on some of our problems with the Psychological Strategy Board, i.e., taking PSB employees on our rolls and detailing them to the PSB on a reimbursable basis, the expenditure of unvouch- 25X1A ered money, etc., and he asked me to give him a brief paper on which he could base a discussion Messrs. Meloon and Saunders will prepare such a paper.

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5. Approved of taking annual leave on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in order to see his son in New York who is departing for a three-year overseas tour of duty. will be back in the office on Monday and will be Acting Chief in his absence.

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6. Larry Houston, and I talked to about Pro Later Larry and I briefed General Cabell on the administrative questions which we had to ask and Larry represented me at the Project Review Committee Meeting in the afternoon in view of the fact that I was on the Hill with Mr. Saunders and Mr. Pforzheimer seeing Mr. Taber in connection with our budget.

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7. With reference to our meeting on the Hill in connection with our budget, Mr. Taber has forgotten most of the things that we told him at the Hearings. The fact that he has attended so many other Hearings in the meantime probably contributes to this. The "on again-off again" records made at the Hearings are not very helpful, and he is having great difficulty in understanding our budget. He feels, I am sure, that we are holding out on him and we must make every effort to set aside this feeling. He asked no questions that would get at the heart of our budget but was generally concerned about the buildup, both in personnel and money, for 1952, 1953, and 1954. We are to return on Monday for further conferences with Mr. Taber. My guess is that the members of the Committee do not understand our business well enough to cut our budget intelligently and that they will, therefore, cut it arbitrarily, but that since this is the case they will not cut it severely.

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